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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND WILL NOT ATTEND ARF CBM SEMINAR ON
MISSILE DEFENSE

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Pol-Econ Counselor discussed reftel seminar with Deborah Panckhurst, Deputy Director of the Disarmament Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Panckhurst said that unfortunately no GNZ official is available to attend the seminar. Panckhurst stressed this does not mean that New Zealand is not interested in the meeting or its outcomes. GNZ officials would be very interested in seeing papers and related materials from the seminar.

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